Welcome
Despite it being the Summer holiday season social media doesn’t seem to take a break! Plenty of short updates and links within the Twitter update section again, a little something for everything in fact.

Comic Relief – Care Home Challenge Fund: Round Two
Round One of our Care Home Challenge Fund in 2015-2016, demonstrated that small grants which support the delivery of fun and stimulating activities in older people’s care homes can have a significant impact. Providing the opportunity for staff and older residents to get to know one another better, whether singing in a choir or potting up plants together, leads to greater wellbeing of residents and stronger relationships between them and their carers. The activities can also act as a catalyst for wider cultural change within care homes. In one home, involving residents in the planning of a musical production was so successful that the idea of ‘co-designing’ activities has now become normal practice. As one grantee said “It’s not a project anymore – it’s just part of the home.”

Building on this learning, in Round Two we are seeking applications from care home providers to deliver activities to improve the wellbeing of older residents, and help staff and residents forge stronger relationships. We are keen to receive proposals which view these activities as an opportunity to build bigger positive change within care homes that will be sustained beyond the life of the funding.

Funding available - We expect to make 20 grants of between £10,000-£20,000 to care home providers from across the UK. Grants will last for between 18-24 months including time for planning, partnership building and delivery. We envisage that each grant will reach a maximum of 4-5 care homes, focussing on quality of delivery led by residents and care home staff rather than volume of people.

The deadline for applications if midday on Friday 4th August 2017. To find out more about the initiative and to apply visit the Comic Relief website [here](#).

Coalfield Regeneration Trust – Community Investment Programme
The Coalfields Regeneration Trust has reopened the enquiry survey for the Coalfields Community Investment Programme providing funding up to £10,000. We also offer practical help to organisations/groups operating in the former coalfield areas in England.

The Coalfields Community Investment Programme – Funding Support is a £500,000 fund created to support activities that tackle some of the key challenges that still remain in coalfield communities. Funding of up to £10,000 is available for projects that deliver in the top 30% most deprived coalfield communities and that will make a positive difference in addressing the following themes:
• Skills: Growing the skills of people in order to increase their opportunities
• Employment: Developing pathways to increase the number of people in work
• Health: Supporting projects that increase participation in activities/services that improve the health and wellbeing of people in former coalfield communities.

Our offer is now reopened and all the information on registering an enquiry and applying for funding relating to a project is on the following page: [http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/what-we-do/division-missing/coalfields-community-investment-programme-ccip-funding-support/](http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/what-we-do/division-missing/coalfields-community-investment-programme-ccip-funding-support/) Please read all the information and the guidance notes carefully before deciding whether to complete the Eligibility Survey.

The Coalfields Community Investment Programme – Practical Help is a range of free services and resources available to registered/incorporated organisations such as registered charities, companies limited by guarantee, community interest companies and charitable incorporated organisations operating in the top 30% most deprived coalfield communities. For more information please see the link below: [http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/what-we-do/division-missing/coalfields-community-investment-programme-ccip-practical-support/](http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/what-we-do/division-missing/coalfields-community-investment-programme-ccip-practical-support/)

Please contact us if you have any questions. The Community Investment Team on tel: 01226 272811.

**GSK Impact Awards 2018**

Core funding and free training for health charities - 2018 GSK IMPACT Awards

GSK’s IMPACT Awards reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people’s health. Organisations must be at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with income between £80,000 and £2.5 million. Up to 20 awards will be made ranging from £3,000 to £40,000 plus free training valued at up to £6,000. Organisations will also have a film made, receive help with press and publicity and be given a set of promotional materials.

To apply or to view winners’ films go to: [www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards)

Hear from last year’s winners about applying and the benefits of winning an award: [https://vimeo.com/171400225](https://vimeo.com/171400225) The deadline for applications is 22 September 2017

**Sport England – Families Fund**

Our Families Fund – Supporting Families to be Active Together will invest in projects that deliver what families really want and need. Organisations with a track record in changing behaviour with families in lower socio-economic groups are invited to submit an expression of interest for our latest funding programme.

Why we're investing in families - Our Families Fund Prospectus will provide you with all the information you need to know to apply, including:

- Who we want to reach through this investment
- What we aim to achieve
- The challenges that need tackling
- The type of projects we are particularly interested in
- The application process.
There are currently 7 million children aged 5 to 15 in England – and nearly 4 in 5 are not doing the recommended daily amount of exercise. The Chief Medical Officer in England recommends that children do at least 60 minutes of activity every day. For one reason or another, this isn’t the case for the majority of young people.

We want to change that. We want everyone in England regardless of age, background or level of ability to feel able to engage in sport and physical activity.

We’re looking to increase the number of opportunities currently on offer for families and children to do sport and physical activity together. We want everyone in England regardless of age, background or level of ability to feel able to engage in sport and physical activity – and need a sport sector that welcomes everyone, meets their needs and treats them as individuals.

We’re going to be particularly focused on families in lower socio-economic groups for this round of funding. A number of research studies show that children from families in these groups are less active than those in higher socio-economic groups.

For more detail upon the fund visit the Sport England website here.

**SHIRE Grants Funding for Carers Projects**
An opportunity has presented itself through Leicestershire County Council’s Adults & Communities Department, to help community organisations in Leicestershire to provide support to carers.

Additional funding will be administered through the Council’s existing SHIRE Community Grants programme, to enable more community-based support to be provided to carers.

A maximum one-off grant of up to £5,000 is available for community projects in the 2017-18 financial year, which can deliver activities to support carers with the following:

- to feel less isolated and better supported
- to enable them to continue to undertake caring responsibilities
- to have a life outside of caring
- to reduce incidences of carer breakdown
- to enable carers to have a break from their caring responsibilities

Please note that the existing SHIRE Community Grants Application Process and Guidance Notes will be used for the purposes of applying for grants for such projects. For more information about how to apply for a grant of up to £5,000 to deliver projects which support carers in Leicestershire, please go to the Leicestershire Communities website.

The next deadline for applications is Monday 31st July, with further deadlines to follow on Monday 25th September and Monday 27th November.
Comic Relief – Active Ageing: Creating Change in Communities

Older people make up a growing percentage of the UK’s population and the profile of this group is rapidly changing. The contribution of older people in volunteering roles in the UK is estimated at over £10 billion per year and there is good evidence that older people who are actively involved in their community have an enhanced sense of purpose, improved life satisfaction, happiness and overall wellbeing.

These benefits are more significant for people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, those who suffer from poor physical or mental health, and individuals that have fewer connections within their community. Yet, there is less participation in volunteering from these groups. This initiative aims to reduce this inequality by supporting organisations seeking to remove barriers and promote inclusion.

We’re launching a £1.5 million fund to engage older people aged 65 and over from ‘harder to reach’ groups to get involved in opportunities which use their skills, knowledge and experience to contribute to their communities. We’re looking for proposals which put older people at the centre of the work, designing and developing activities or opportunities which meet their needs, interests and priorities.

Funding available - We anticipate making between 15-25 grants across the UK, and the total amount of funding available is £1.5 million.

This funding programme is specifically targeting older people who don’t usually participate in volunteering or social activities because they are from a disadvantaged community, or face other barriers to participating. Applicants will be asked to provide information to demonstrate they have a good understand of the needs of the older people they’re working with, and a clear plan about how to address the barriers. We are willing to meet the additional costs of supporting people to participate where necessary e.g. by providing accessible transport costs.

Social action is about people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities. This may include activities around campaigning and fundraising as well as volunteering, all of which can create a double benefit for communities and the older person themselves. For the activities to have positive benefits for the older people involved, they should:

- Provide meaningful roles with opportunities for social interaction and leadership.
- Ensure that older people are recognised and valued for their contribution.

We are looking for creative, fresh approaches and are unlikely to fund standard lunch clubs, 1:1 befriending models or applications to run community transport schemes. We’re interested in organisations that already coordinate activities by and for older people that can demonstrate a need to engage with a ‘harder to reach’ group of older people. Or you could be an organisation that already works with disadvantaged older people that wants to bring a new twist or approach to your work.

Proposals are welcome for between £40,000 and £80,000 for up to three years for work in the UK. We are keen to receive applications from organisations based in the community in which they are working. The focus of the applicant organisation must be
in the local community, although it may choose to work with national or regional partners. We will also welcome application from partnerships.

The deadline for applications is midday 29th August 2017. For more details upon the initiative please visit the Comic Relief website here.

**Freemasons’ Fund – Nottinghamshire Community Foundation**
The aim of the Freemasons Fund is to support people in Nottingham City and County by making grants to community and voluntary groups who work to improve their communities. Grants are available for capital spend only, e.g. equipment. This fund is available for groups who deliver projects under any of the following themes:

- **Children & Young People**
  - Drugs and/or alcohol education
  - Education support (e.g. dyslexia)
  - Sports activities

- **Older & Vulnerable People**
  - Support for those living alone (e.g. befrienders or homecare)
  - Support for Carers
  - Luncheon Clubs

- **Healthier Communities**
  - Carers for mentally & physically disabled
  - Low level mental health, (e.g. depression, anxiety)

- **Sustainable Communities**
  - Community Gardens / green space
  - Heritage / building / land preservation
  - Community Volunteer Champions e.g. flood wardens

Amounts Available and Rounds - This fund runs two rounds per year in spring and autumn. £2,000 per grant (average award expected to be £1,000). Round Two opened on 3rd July 2017, and the closing date for applications is 10th September 2017. For more details visit the Nottinghamshire Community Foundation website [here](#).

**Co-op Local cause**
The programme is currently open to applications from local community groups. To apply to be a Co-op cause you must have a project or event in mind that:

- takes place in the UK or Isle of Man
- doesn’t have religious or political aims (although you can still apply if you’re a religious organisation)
- meets the Co-op’s values
- takes place or will still be running after October 2018
- benefits your local community

We’ll give preference to projects run by small, local organisations. You can’t use money from the fund solely to pay for staff salaries or general running costs, or to make a donation to another organisation.
To find out more and to apply visit the Co-op website here. Applications must be completed by 8 August 2017.

Twitter @EMFundingForum
- Corporate Volunteering Network's survey for third sector orgs who want to use corporate volunteers - https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CVNfinal from @BigLotteryFund
- Download our new free research exploring how trust in #charities compares with other sectors: http://ow.ly/lCrR30dmaSE #thirdsector #volsec from @nptSynergy
- Our analyst @ncvolisa has the data on funding changes affecting charities involved in criminal justice: https://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2017/07/11/a-changing-funding-landscape-for-charities-involved-in-criminal-justice/ ... #SOTS17 from @NCVO
- caPLUS Community Accounting are offering free financial management training for community groups and organisations. http://ow.ly/oggx30dyVMG from @nottscommf
- Ten great ways for charities to fundraise around the new £1 coin: https://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2017/07/24/10-tips-for-fundraising-around-the-1-coin/ ... #PoundforPound from @NCVO
- Levels of volunteering have dropped, according to this year's Community Life survey https://www.civilsociety.co.uk/news/fall-in-levels-of-volunteering-finds-annual-survey.html ... from @CivilSocietyUK
- Have you attended 1 of our live webinars yet? Our funding officers provide usual information every week. Sign up now from @BigLotteryFund
- Want to apply for a #grant or technical support to help complete your plan? Important #neighbourhoodplanning info - http://ow.ly/fSQ830dZnmt from @MyCommunityHelp
- 2 new sections in our FREE guidance: Reporting and Using eval findings. #socialimpact #mandeskills: http://ow.ly/cMI430dZdGt from @NCVO
And finally...
Another busy month, and no sign of this letting up at the moment. This can only be a good thing as more programmes and initiatives are launched now that the General Election is out of the way, and despite the on-going uncertainty for Brexit. Speaking of which, it does sometimes feel like the default position is uncertainty. And I think this makes the role of the sector, community organisations and groups even more important, providing some of that stability to those most in need.

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